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Signature: Leith A. Al-Nazer Date: February 11, 2003

Title: Optical Source Driver with Improved Input Stage

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith are the following documents relating to the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Response to Office Action with Proposed Red-Lined Drawing Change (2 sheets) and Affidavit Under 37 C.F.R. §1.131.

There is no additional fee due in conjunction with the response. In the event of any non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or to credit **Ryan, Mason & Lewis, LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0762** as required to correct the error.

Respectfully submitted,

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### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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This is submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action dated November 18, 2002, in the above-identified application.

### REMARKS

The present application was filed on November 15, 2001 with claims 1-18. Claims 1-18 are currently pending.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.

With regard to the objection to the drawings, Applicant submits herewith a proposed red-lined drawing change designating FIGS. 4 and 5 as prior art. Applicant respectfully requests approval of the proposed drawing change.

With regard to the objection to claims 8-14, 16 and 17 as being substantial duplicates of claims 1-7, Applicant respectfully traverses. The Examiner in effect argues that independent claims 8 and 16 are each duplicative of or "cover the same thing" as independent claim 1. However, this